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DDA reminds “backyard” poultry owners, poultry fanciers, and hobby clubs to register their flocks

According to poultry regulations adopted by the Delaware Department of Agriculture (DDA) in June 2004, all owners of poultry flocks (commercial or other) **must** register their flocks with the Department. All commercial growers have registered, but there are some “backyard” flock owners, poultry fanciers, and hobby club owners that are not in compliance. Registration forms are available at DDA or at feed supply stores. All information received will be treated as confidential.

The registration requirement has two purposes.

- First purpose is to know what kind of poultry flocks are in the state (being grown for meat, eggs, grown for a live bird market, release into the wild, hobby, show or game fowl).
- Second purpose is to be able to quickly send information to a targeted group of poultry owners concerning biosecurity procedures, quarantine information, manure spreading guidelines, etc.

Failure to comply with the regulation may result in fines up to \$1,000 being levied.

For more information or to receive a registration form, please call or e-mail Bob Moore at the Delaware Department of Agriculture: (302) 698-4561 – Robert.Moore@state.de.us

Regulation follows:

Statutory Authority: 3 Delaware Code,

Sections 6301 and 7101 (3 **Del.C.** §§ 6301 and 7101)

4.0 Registration.

4.1 In order to be able to quickly notify all poultry producers in the state of a potential or existing disease threat, the (DDA) will require the registration of all premises in Delaware where live poultry is kept. This will allow information regarding disease scenarios to be sent in a timely manner to all poultry producers.

4.2 The registration form, available from DDA, shall include at a minimum the following information:

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4.2.1 Name,

4.2.2 Address,

4.2.3 Telephone number of owner/producer,

4.2.4 Type and number of the poultry being raised,

4.2.5 The geo-reference coordinates (latitude/longitude state plane coordinates NAD 83) of the chicken house(s) ;(if not available, DDA will provide), and

4.2.6 The general purpose for which they are kept (hobby, show, own consumption, eventual sale, etc.).

4.3 This registration is also in anticipation of the forthcoming national animal premises identification system. Forms will be provided by the Department of Agriculture and when completed, must be returned to that agency. Other timely information may also be sent to registrants.

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